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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Owen Lattimore

1. Reference is made to your request, file no. 100-24628 dated 15 January 1954, for information regarding Owen Lattimore.

2. It is highly unlikely that General Reinhard Gehlen can obtain information on Lattimore from sources alleged in your memorandum to be available to him. Gehlen does not have sources available in Moscow, USSR and to our knowledge Gerhard Eisler is not accessible as a source. Furthermore, in view of the publicity of the Lattimore case, we are convinced that General Gehlen would have informed us of any information available to him on Lattimore. However, we will make discreet inquiries of our contacts to determine whether Gehlen has, or can provide, any information on Lattimore.

3. Due to the very sensitive nature of our connection with General Gehlen the information given by your informant is a matter of serious concern to us. We therefore request that you inform us, if possible, of the identity and location of the source of the misinformation provided in this report. We are particularly concerned with the question of the informant's knowledge of the connection existing between this Agency and General Gehlen. If additional investigation is necessary to fulfill this request, we would appreciate it if you would carry out such an investigation as expeditiously as possible.

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